[The President.]

PRESIDENT: Are you willing to withdraw your motion? Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai suggests that you may withdraw your motion

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: I shall make one or two observations. Mr. Krishna Aiyangar said that it was for the High Court to see why there were arrears in the courts and not for this Council. This Council can certainly devise measures to see how the arrears could be kept down. As regards the interests of the litigant public, certainly we have to see to those interests. But I do not know whether the interests of the litigant public are different from the interests of the tax-payer which my motion is intended to protect. So, I do not see any reason why I should withdraw.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I shall speak a word or two by way of reply. The total number of original suits and of appeals pending in the Quilon District Court at the end of Edavam 1097 came to 333 and 960 respectively. Of these, 171 original suits and 386 appeals were more than one year old. There were also pending at the time 89 criminal and miscellaneous appeals, of which 13 were over one year old. The High Court consider that these arrears are abnormal and that it is absolutely necessary to have an additional Bench at the station to work them off. As regards the opinion of the Quilon Bar Association, I may say that the opinion of the High Court who are responsible for the administration of justice should be given more weight than that of a local Bar Association. I need hardly say that justice delayed is justice denied and that we cannot overlook the opinion of the High Court who say that, unless the arrears are cleared, it will be a serious blot on the administration of justice. In these circumstances, I think that the House will be incurring a serious responsibility in disallowing the grant asked for.

PRESIDENT: I shall now put the motion to the vote of the House.

The motion was put and lost, 6 for voting *for*, and 36 *against*.

Supplementary Demand XXVIII, for a grant of Rs. 2,500 under Administration of Justice was then put by the President and it was carried and the grant made.

Demand XXIX—Industries.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Sir, I move for an additional grant of Rs. 500 under Demand XXIX—Industries. This Demand is an addition to Demand XVI—Industries—in order to provide for the salary of one instructor in short-hand which was omitted to be provided for in the budget.

PRESIDENT: I suppose the House accepts the demand.

The House having accepted the demand, the same was put by the President and carried and the grant made.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, we have had a long and strenuous session, and I am sure you are all desirous of going home and having your

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well-earned rest. I think we have ample reason to congratulate ourselves on the results of this session; and, on behalf of the Government, let me tell you how highly Government appreciate your earnest desire to co-operate with them, understand their view-points and to support those view-points as far as you considered them to be right. I should like to mention, before we close, that, under Standing Order 4, this session of the Council is terminated and the Council is prorogued. On the termination of the session, all pending notices lapse and fresh notices will have to be given for the next session, which means that members who have given notices of resolutions or interpellations for this session of the Council which have not come up before the House, will have to renew such of those notices as they may wish to repeat.

I now prorogue this Council.

At 4-50 P. M. the Council adjourned *sine die*.

S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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